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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR IMPACT

MILITARY ITEMS

1. AS A RESULT OF FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA'S REQUEST, EMBASSY
SHOULD EXTEND FOLLOWING REPLY ON BEHALF OF SECSTATE AND SECDEF.

SIDEWINDERS. WE AGREE TO PROVIDE 180 AIM-9BS WITHIN 90 DAYS.

CHAPARRAL. WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE CHAPARRAL SYSTEMS
SUBJECT TO DEFINITIVE REQUEST BY GOM; BECAUSE OF 24-MONTH
LEAD-TIME, THIS CANNOT BE INCLUDED AS IMPACT ITEM.

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TOW. 24-MONTH LEAD-TIME CANNOT BE REDUCED. SUGGEST LAW BE CONSIDERED AS A SUBSTITUTE.

LAW. ALTHOUGH NORMAL LEAD-TIME IS 24-MONTHS, WE AGREE TO PROVIDE 200 LAWS WITHIN 90 DAYS AND 500 MORE IN 6 MONTHS FOR TOTAL COST OF ABOUT DOLS 50-60,000.

2. BENHIMA INFORMED THESE ITEMS COULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED ON CASH BASIS AND LETTERS OF OFFER WOULD BE DEVELOPED UPON SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM GOM.

3. M-60 TANKS. DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF M-60 TANKS, (FYI, PRODUCTION DELIVERY LEAD-TIME 36-40 MONTHS) WE HAVE INDICATIONS KING WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT SUBSTITUTE TANK THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN 60-90 DAYS FOR IMPACT SHIPMENT. LETTER OF OFFER FOR 54 M-48A1 TANKS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP. INFORMATION ON TANKS SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED UNTIL AMBASSADOR HAS PERSONALLY PRESENTED LETTER OF OFFER TO KING GIVING HIM OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE HOW HE WANTS INFORMATION RELEASED TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES.

4. IF THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE M-48A1 TANKS IS ACCEPTED BY THE KING, SUGGEST YOU RECOMMEND THE MOROCCANS REQUEST A LETTER OF OFFER FOR SURVEY TEAM TO DETERMINE MTT REQUIREMENTS AND FACILITATE ARRIVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF M-48A1 TANKS. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE INITIAL SURVEY TEAM BE COMPOSED OF ABOUT FOUR PEOPLE FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE WEEKS. RUSH

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